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An Coimisiún Pleanála
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Subject: Submission/Observation on Planning Application

Case Reference No.: PA12.324290

Proposed Development: Renewable Energy Development of a Wind Farm

Location: Lissinagroagh, Co. Leitrim

To whom it may concern,

I wish to make a submission/observation in relation to the above proposed development. I am the chairperson representing all concerned members of Rossinver Melvin Angling Club who fish in Lough Melvin near to the proposed wind turbine site.

We respectfully object to the proposed development on the following grounds:

a) Risk to water quality and the wild fishery

Construction of wind farms on upland peatland such as that on Dough Mountain can increase the risk of sediment, silt, peat particles and nutrient runoff entering streams that ultimately drain into Lough Melvin. Even temporary deterioration in water quality can affect spawning gravels, aquatic insects and fish populations, particularly the lake's internationally important wild trout stocks. The developer's own Natura Impact Statement (NIS) acknowledges that, without mitigation, degradation of water quality and suspended solids could adversely affect the integrity of the protected Lough Melvin Special Area of Conservation (SAC). The NIS however fails to take into account the unique hydrological interconnectedness, sensitive blanket bog ecosystems and subterranean karst networks. Also, there is uncertainty over whether mitigation measures will be effective throughout construction and after extreme rainfall events.

b) Potential impacts on protected fish species and Natura 2000 sites

Lough Melvin is internationally recognised for its unique fish populations and is protected as a Special Area of Conservation (SAC). In our opinion there is currently no way that An Coimisiún Pleanála could be satisfied beyond reasonable scientific

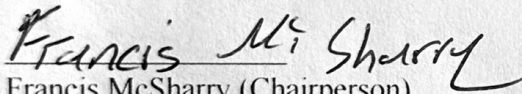
doubt that the project will not adversely affect the integrity of the SAC. Any uncertainty regarding hydrology, sediment transport or pollution pathways should be taken into consideration, particularly where protected species and habitats are involved.

c) Impact on angling tourism and the recreational value of Lough Melvin

Lough Melvin attracts visiting anglers from Ireland and overseas, supporting local accommodation, guides, tackle suppliers and other businesses. Industrialisation of the surrounding upland landscape, together with prolonged construction traffic, noise and visual impacts, may reduce the area's attractiveness as a premier wild trout destination.

We would like to make it clear that we are not opposed to wind energy or renewable energy, and we are fully aware of the part it plays in combatting climate change. This location is simply not appropriate for a development of this scale and size, and the extent of its potential impacts. For the reasons outlined above, we respectfully request that An Coimisiún Pleanála **refuse permission** for this proposed development.

Kind Regards,


Francis McSharry (Chairperson)
Rossinver Melvin Angling Club